

Executive Order 2004-25

Establishing the Arizona Commission on Medical Education and Research

WHEREAS, the delivery of health care is critical to the quality of life of all Arizonans; and

WHEREAS, we stand on the edge of a new age in medical research and the treatment of disease; and

WHEREAS, the State of Arizona has committed resources and leadership to the development of world class bio-medical education and research; and

WHEREAS, the Arizona Board of Regents, the University of Arizona and Arizona State University have signed a Memorandum of Understanding to partner in the expansion of the University of Arizona's College of Medicine in Maricopa County; and

WHEREAS, the success of the medical school and the bio-medical research efforts will be directly tied to relationships and affiliation agreements with the community's health care delivery system; and

WHEREAS, it is imperative that medical education, research and health care delivery systems in this state develop a shared vision for the future of healthcare education;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Janet Napolitano, Governor of the State of Arizona, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of the State, do hereby establish the Arizona Commission on Medical Education and Research ("ACMER" or "Commission").

1. The Commission is charged with developing a plan to implement the principles outlined in the August 4, 2004 Memorandum Of Understanding regarding the "Expansion of Medical Education and Research in Phoenix" adopted by the Arizona Board of Regents, Arizona State University, and the University of Arizona.

Specific areas of planning, design and development include:

- A. The organization and governance structure of the expansion;
- B. A curriculum that focuses on the unique social, cultural, and health care system needs in the Phoenix metropolitan region;
- C. The essential clinical linkages among regional teaching hospitals and research institutes to facilitate teaching of students and research collaboration;
- D. The financing of operations and capital needs;
- E. Facility planning, location and design; and

- F. Such other matters as may be in the best interest of comprehensive, but cost effective, delivery of health care in the state of Arizona.
2. Members of the Council shall be appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the Governor. Initial Commission membership shall consist of the following:

The Honorable Janet Napolitano, Governor (chair)
The Honorable Phil Gordon, Mayor of Phoenix
Gary Stuart, President of the Arizona Board of Regents
Peter Likins, President of the University of Arizona
Michael Crow, President of Arizona State University
Peter Fine, President and CEO of Banner Health
Linda Hunt, Chief Executive Officer of St. Joseph's Hospital and Medical Center
Jim Kennedy, Chief Medical Officer, Maricopa County Hospital
Jeffrey Trent, President and Scientific Director of the Translational Genomics
Research Institute
John Murphy, Executive Director, the Flinn Foundation

The Governor may appoint other members as may be necessary.

3. The Commission shall issue its initial recommendations to the Governor as early as possible, but by no later than March 30, 2005.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Arizona

GOVERNOR

DONE at the Capitol in Phoenix on this 19th day of October in the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand and Four and of the independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Twenty Ninth.

ATTEST:

SECRETARY OF STATE